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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 667
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Francis La'Tai Smith,
2002 Salutatorian of Raleigh-Egypt High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Francis La'Tai Smith is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2002 graduating class at Raleigh-Egypt High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Francis has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, Francis La'Tai Smith has earned numerous honors during her high school career, including the William H. Sweet Award as a Freshman, the title of "Most Scholarly of the Senior Class," and recognition as a Memphis Scholar and Outstanding Senior; she was also selected for recognition in the National Honor Society, the National Honor Roll, and *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

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WHEREAS, Francis is an active member of her school and community, having participated in numerous organizations and activities, including the Science Club, DECA, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society Quill and Scroll, and Aspire, and she was a Reporter for *Teen Appeal*; and

WHEREAS, thoroughly civic-minded, she has made invaluable contributions to her community as a tutor and Big Sister at Raleigh-Egypt Elementary School and a Gateway tutor at Raleigh-Egypt High School, and she has assisted in patient transport at Regional Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, a well-respected leader among her peers, she was a Girls' State Delegate and has served as a member of the Student Council and as Editor of the *Scroll* newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Francis La'Tai Smith's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her mother, Nancy Smith, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor Francis La'Tai Smith, 2002 Salutatorian of Raleigh-Egypt High School, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for much happiness and every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.